

CHARTER

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION

1. The official designation of the Commission is the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

2. The purpose of the Commission is to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

3. The Commission will require approximately **30** years from the date of enactment of Public Law 91-664, January 8, 1971, to carry out its purposes and shall terminate on January 8, 2001. The provisions of Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act concerning termination and a biennial rechartering, are inapplicable to this Commission. However, there shall be a biennial review of this Commission to determine if its purposes are being fulfilled.

4. The Commission reports to 'the Regional Director, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

5. The duties of the Commission are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph two above.

6. The estimated annual operating cost of this Commission is \$9,000, which includes the cost of one-quarter person-year of staff support.

7. Support for the Commission is provided by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

8. The Commission meets approximately four times a year. All meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988).

9. The Commission's membership as set forth in P.L. 91-664 (January 8, **1971**), shall consist of 19 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:

- a. Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the Boards of Commissioners of Frederick, Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, and the County Council of Montgomery **County**, Maryland, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council;

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- b. eight members to be appointed **from** recommendations submitted by the Governors of Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such Governor or Mayor, and
- c. three members to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one of whom shall be designated Chairman, and two of whom shall be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.

10. Members will be appointed for **5-year** terms. **Any** vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

11. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, as such, except that the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to **pay**, upon presentment of vouchers signed by the Chairman and approved by the Superintendent of the Park, expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission and its **members in** carrying out their responsibilities.

12. The Commission acts and advises by **affirmative vote of a** majority of its members.

13. If no successor is appointed on or prior to the **expiration of** a member's term, the incumbent may continue to serve until the new appointment is made, provided that a charter under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix **(1988)**, is in effect.

14. Any member of the Commission who fails to attend three successive meetings of the **Commission, or who otherwise fails to** substantively participate in the **work of the Commission, may be** removed from the Commission by **the Regional Director,** and a replacement named.

15. The Regional Director, National Capital Region, or in the Regional Director's absence, a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director will serve as the Designated Federal Officer.

16. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission was established by section 6 of P.L. 91-664, (January 8, **1971**), as amended by P.L. 96-555, December 19, 1980 and P.L. **101-320**, July 3, 1990.



Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed: APR 19 1993

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